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1. ON 11 MARCH FRANCE ASKED IF US HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS ON PROPOSAL TO DELETE (A). US RESPONDED THAT THEY REMAINED IN RESERVE BUT WOULD REMIND AUTHORITIES OF NEED FOR INSTRUCTIONS.

2. ON US COUNTERPROPOSAL TO COVER SELECTED ALLOYS FRANCE BELIEVED THIS WAS A MORE LIBERAL AND POSITIVE APPROACH THAN PRESENT FORMAT. THEY, HOWEVER, HAD QUESTIONS:(1) NEW SUBITEM (B) (III) APPEARS TO BE IDENTICAL WITH THE PRESENT EXCLUSION OF (B) (1) (VI), SO WHY HAS IT THIS ALLOY BEEN PROPOSED FOR EMBARGO? (2) SUBITEM (VI) IS TOO GENERAL AND EMBARGOES MANY COMMON ALLOYS; COULD THIS BE CLARIFIED MORE? AND (3) FOR INFORMATION, WHY ARE SUBITEMS (II) AND (IV) LISTED? THE US STATED THAT THEY WOULD SEEK THE ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS.

3. THE NETHERLANDS ASKED ABOUT FERROTITANIUM, NOW EXCLUDED BY (B) (2), AS TO WHETHER IT REMAINS EXCLUDED FROM COVERAGE OR DOES NOTE 2 AND (B) (VI) COVER IT BY
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ACCIDENT? US ANSWERED THAT FERROTITANIUM WOULD REMAIN

EXCLUDED AND THAT IT WAS NOT THE INTENT TO RE-EMBARGO ANY MATERIAL PREVIOUSLY EXEMPTED. NETHERLANDS RESERVED UNTIL QUESTIONS COULD BE ANSWERED AND CATION ACHIEVED.

4. THE UK DID NOT BELIEVE THE CAPABILITIES OF THE BLOC HAD BEEN ADEQUATELY EXAMINED. ACCORDING TO THEIR INFORMATION THE USSR POSSESS THE ABILITY TO PRODUCE ALL KNOWN TYPES OF TITANIUM ALLOYS. THEY ALSO QUESTION SUB-ITEM (B) (III). UK RESERVED FOR SAME REASONS AS FRANCE AND NETHERLANDS. GERMANY AND JAPAN RESERVED ALONG THE SAME LINES. CANADA WITH MAJORITY. ITALY OPEN-MINDED.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: TTG SHOULD OBTAIN ANSWERS TO CITED QUESTIONS. LIST OF ALLOYS SHOULD BE EVALUATED FURTHER TO ELIMINATE DISCREPANCIES, SHOULD BE COMPARED TO SOVIET ALLOYS DESCRIBED IN BROCHURES FROM US AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURES AND JAPANESE DELEGATION DURING ROUND I, AND WE SHOULD BE GIVEN STRATEGIC APPLICATIONS OF EACH TYPE WE WISH TO RETAIN UNDER EMBARGO.

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